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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Ohio –Marijuana Found in Cars Made in Mexico

(U) Warren - Authorities say more than 400 pounds of marijuana has been found in 15 new cars made in Mexico and shipped to Ohio and Pennsylvania to sell. A drug task force in Ohio's Portage County was called to a Ford dealership this week after a service department employee found a package of pressed marijuana in a spare tire compartment during a vehicle inspection. Investigators then went to a rail yard near Warren and found more packages in the trunks of Ford Fusions pressed into the shape of a spare tire. Additional packages were found at other northeast Ohio dealerships and one in Pennsylvania. A Drug Enforcement Administration agent reports that marijuana was found in April in new cars shipped from Mexico to Minnesota.

SOURCE: 15 July 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – 102 Overdoses in Three Days

(U) Lancaster County – One hundred and two people in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, overdosed on synthetic marijuana in three days. The treatment of the overdose patients took place between the morning of 7 July through the morning of 10 July. More overdoses followed on 14 July, and a total of 158 overdose patients were involved in emergency response calls. According to authorities, some calls involved two to four patients at once, with a few patients repeating in a span of a few hours. Over the last week, emergency services responded to 25 synthetic marijuana overdoses a day -- about one an hour -- in public bathrooms, parking lots, residential homes, on the street and in the parks.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Congo – US Journalist, Three Others Missing

(U) Kinshasa— Six Congolese rangers were found Saturday in a large forest reserve in Congo's northeast a day after a security station was attacked by militia, but an American journalist and at least three security guards remain missing. At least 10 people had gone missing after an attack Friday by the Mai Mai militia outside the town of Mambasa in Congo's Okapi Wildlife Reserve. No details about the missing journalist were immediately available and authorities had no proof the attack was an abduction. In Washington, the State Department said it was "aware of reports that a U.S. citizen was kidnapped" in Congo. Kidnappings for ransom are common in eastern Congo.

SOURCE: 15 July 2017, [AP](#)

(U) Greece –Suspects to Appear in Court Over US Tourist Death

(U) Zakynthos – The last of nine suspects in the beating death of an American tourist outside a bar appeared on Saturday before an investigating judge who will decide whether to order him held in custody pending trial or release him on bail. The man, a 33-year-old Serb, is among nine people, all aged between 18 and 34, charged over the death of 22-year-old Bakari Henderson of Austin, Texas. Two other

Serbs have been released on bail while the remaining six people — one Greek, one British citizen of Serb origin and four Serbs, have been jailed pending trial.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Nigeria – Suicide Bombers Stage Deadliest Attack in Months

(U) Maiduguri – Four Boko Haram suicide bombers killed 19 people in a series of attacks that targeted a civilian self-defense force and the people who gathered to mourn their deaths. It was the deadliest attack in months in the northeastern city of Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram's eight-year insurgency. At least one of the suicide bombers was female, said a spokesman for the self-defense force. Boko Haram has increasingly used girls and young women to carry out attacks on marketplaces, checkpoints, and other targets. Some young women who escaped extremist group have said girls are drugged and forced to carry out suicide missions.

SOURCE: 17 July 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Five Hurt in Acid Attack Robberies, Two Teenagers Arrested

(U) London – British police arrested two teenagers on Friday after five acid attacks on moped riders in less than 90 minutes across east London left several people with facial burns, including one with horrific injuries. Two assailants on a moped pulled up alongside a 32-year-old man in the Hackney area of east London and threw acid in his face before one of the pair made off with the victim's moped. In the next hour and a half, three other men had corrosive substances hurled at them. After one of the robberies in Hackney, a man was left with facial injuries described by police as life-changing. Police said they had arrested a 15-year-old boy in Stoke Newington, northeast London, and a 16-year-old male at a separate address in north London on suspicion of grievous bodily harm.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

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